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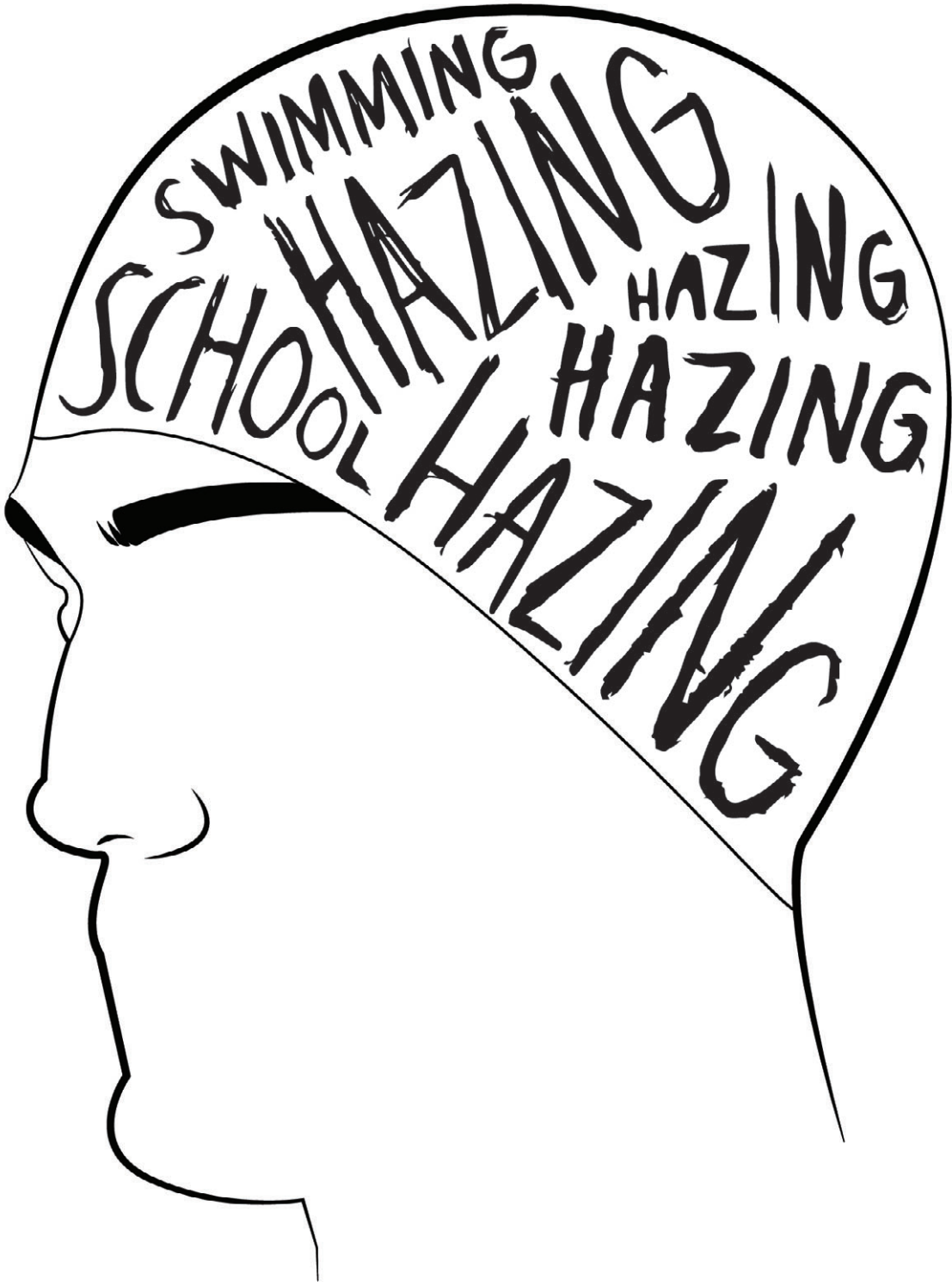
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# Underwater

Title IX case ruling finds swim team violated policies including hazing, sexual harassment and sexual assault



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Two separate investigations involving members of the WKU swim team have found individuals under multiple violations—regarding hazing, drug paraphernalia and sexual assault.

Bowling Green Police Department's investigation of the hazing allegation filed by former swim team member Collin Craig has concluded. In the report, BGPD officials obtained a search warrant for 1303 Chestnut Street, the address of where the hazing was reported to occur.

Two beer kegs, two marijuana grinders, two marijuana pipes, one pill bottle with marijuana stems and five picture boards full of various photographs were among the items seized during the search from the house's residents.

Multiple electronics, including several game consoles,

cell phones and flash drives were also seized.

According to the report, Huda Melky, director and Title IX Coordinator for WKU, met with BGPD in late February to view the picture boards. The picture boards were a photo collage of what appeared to be various students that were highly intoxicated to the point of vomiting and passing out.

A Title IX investigation was then started in response to BGPD's findings. Title IX deals with equal treatment of sexes and expands into sexual assault and harassment.

Some of the photographs depicted intoxicated individuals that were nude or partially nude placing their buttocks on other individuals, according to the BGPD report. The photographs also showed individuals with a penis drawn on them, the words "insert dick here" with an arrow drawn to the mouth, the word "nigger" written on an individual that appeared to be passed out and females passed out in various

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## Winner of presidency called into question

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The future of the Student Government Association's next president is being called into question.

Following Tuesday's senate meeting, current SGA President Nicki Taylor announced via email that an emergency SGA Judicial Council meeting will be held next week to hear an election appeal request.

According to Taylor, the Judicial Council received an anonymous request on April 1 that Glasgow sophomore Jay Todd Richey be disqualified for violating an election code.

The source said they had photographic proof of campaign materials placed on doors within academic buildings on campus, such as the Thompson Complex.

According to SGA's Election Code 3.4.6., "There shall be no campaign material distributed into or onto doors or doorways on campus."

If Richey is disqualified, Brian Chism—who lost the initial election—would gain the presidency.

Chism said he didn't want to take a stance on the severity of the election code violation, but instead believes

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Jay Richey  
President-elect

## Rand Paul announces presidential campaign

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Bowling Green's own Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) announced his bid for the White House on Tuesday in a packed ballroom in downtown Louisville.

Fountain Square Park—and the passion of 700 Tea Party supporters who filled the downtown park six years ago when Paul first ran for U.S. Senate—were shouted out in speeches by both the senator and his wife, Kelley Paul.

But most mentions of Kentucky, in both pre-announcement campaign videos and speeches from Louisville pastor Jerry Stephenson, revolved around Derby city.

Scott Lasley, chairman of the Kentucky Republican Party for the 2nd District and associate professor of political science at WKU, said that while the references to Louisville were "well-choreographed" and linked to the recent opening of a Republican campaign office in West Louisville, Paul's Bowling Green won't likely be a star in the campaign.

"I would think that even though Bowling Green is his hometown, he's not going to be as connected as Jimmy Carter was to Plains [Georgia]," Lasley said. "I don't think it's the same type of relationship that you'll see with some of these other folks."

Among the crowd for the senator was Bowling Green native Austin Hatfield, who came with a group of college students working on Agricultural

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Rand Paul  
U.S. Senator R-Ky.



## SGA

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that verdict is for the Judicial Council to decide.

"It is out of our hands," Chism said.

The meeting will take place on April 16 at 4 p.m. in the Senate Chambers in Downing Student Union. The meeting will be open to the public and students will be given the option to speak. The Judicial Council is expected to come to a decision that night.

is a violation of the election codes and I should be held accountable, but that doesn't have the potential to lead to hundreds and hundreds of votes in my favor. Unless it's a very special door on campus that I guess everyone would see."

James Line, Richey's campaign team member and SGA Public Relations Committee Chair, said he was the culprit who put the poster on the door. He said he read over the election codes, but it slipped his mind while he was out putting posters up throughout campus.

*"Everything that I worked hard for could potentially be gone over an honest mistake."*

**Jay Todd Richey, SGA President-elect**

Taylor said, however, that it's possible the author of the anonymous request may not come forward. If that is the case, Richey will defend his side and the council will have to make a decision based on Richey's testament and the appeal filed.

"Unless they come forward there is really nothing we can do to show the other side," Taylor said.

Taylor said as SGA president, it is her job to stay impartial.

"I will stand behind whatever Judicial Council decides and I haven't talked to them on any one way or another," she said.

Upon hearing about the appeal, Richey said he was stunned.

"I had read through the election codes at least 10 times to make sure there were no violations that I committed, to make sure there was nothing that could be brought against me," he said.

However, Richey admitted a violation is still a violation.

"A single poster on a door, yes, that's breaking the rules," said Richey. "That

"It was the only place in Thompson where I could find that there were posters up, like other posters, so I assumed that was a common area for posters," Line said. "So, I put it up and didn't think anything of it."

Line doesn't believe this violation warrants Richey's disqualification. He said Richey didn't know about the poster placement until the appeal was made.

"If anyone deserves to be punished in any way, it's me," he said.

Richey said although he didn't put the poster up, he regrets not making the rules clearer to his campaign team.

"As the candidate, I should've done a better job of informing them of what the rules are and of the election code, but that is my fault," he said.

Kate McElroy, Richey's other campaign team member and Bowling Green junior, said she is uncertain if the election code violation deserves disqualification, and considers the particular election code violation in question to not be severe.

"I think it's fair that we all abide by the

campaign rules," said McElroy, who she doesn't believe Richey would intentionally violate the election codes.

"I think his platforms show that he is really interested in transparency and advocating for people," she said. "I can't imagine that he would be trying to cover up over anything."

Richey said he believes he should be warned instead of disqualified.

"If people truly believe that this incident should result in my disqualification then I encourage them to come to the meeting next Thursday at 4 and testify against me," he said. "I would like to ask the person who is anonymous that submitted the appeal via first place to come forward and actually stand up for their accusations rather than just causing drama for the sake of drama."

In a letter to the Justice Council, SGA Chief of Staff Seth Church outlined his concerns regarding the appeal request. Church once served on the Judicial Council. He argues disqualification is not the route to take.

"In this election, the winner, Jay Todd Richey, took 63%," he wrote. "I find it hard to believe that a small number of improperly displayed posters, only one if I am not mistaken, were enough to convince 350 WKU students to vote one way or the other."

Church said he believes the decision should stand.

"I believe the appropriate remedy is to allow the decision to stand, permitting Student Government to get back to work at the business of governing people, rather than hearing petty appeals from candidates who were unable to secure a position," he said.

Richey said he doesn't want to see votes wasted.

"I would hate to see the students who were so hopeful for me and what I can do for the university and for them be let down over an honest mistake," he said.

Richey said campaigning was an ex-

haustive process.

"I didn't get much sleep," he said. "I went through every route that I could possibly imagine."

Richey said he mostly reached out to organizations on campus, including the Greek community.

"I truly care about this position so much that I reached out," Richey said. "I personally wanted to reach out to, HO-LAS, Alpha Kappa Si, Secular Student Alliance, Minority Women at WKU organizations at WKU that students never heard of, even the Gamers Guild."

Another avenue Richey pursued was talking with dual-credit high school students.

"I realized these students are going to get many credit hours that they can transfer if they go to a public university in Kentucky," Richey said. "They can transfer those credit hours. They can thank WKU for giving them that opportunity. They are WKU students and I said if you come to WKU, this what I want to see student government do, but they're students and I reached out to them."

Richey said he stands behind his decision to reach out to dual-credit students.

"I don't believe it would've been fair to set up an election polling booth, to set up a computer and ask people to come up, put their name in and vote," he said. "I don't believe it would've been fair to solicit through email 'vote for me.'... There are many things that aren't fair, but reaching out to WKU students, no matter where they are, is completely fair... Anyone who would dismiss that as unfair, sorry. I don't really have any response to that because there is nothing that says dual-credit students are not WKU students."

Richey said he and his campaign team worked long hours and the effort was worth it.

"Everything that I worked hard for could potentially be gone over an honest mistake," Richey said.

## PAUL

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Commissioner James Comer's gubernatorial campaign.

The WKU junior said he felt Paul embodies libertarian principles that appeal to younger voters.

"I think younger people are just more prone to connect to civil liberties and free markets and things like that," he said, adding that younger people are more open to policies that aren't "the same old stuff."

Campaign videos for Paul targeting young voters focused on the NSA's data-gathering practices and monitor-

ing of metadata. In his speech, Paul announced while holding his iPhone that he would repeal that data-gathering policy through executive order on his first day in office.

Videos also highlighted his trips to Ferguson, Chicago and West Louisville to try to fix policies that aren't helping income and education disparities for those residents and laws that may unfairly target African-Americans.

"I think that's necessary," Hatfield said of Paul's more socially progressive policies. "I think the Republican party, I'm not sure what party they are anymore and I think what he's doing is bringing us back to our base."

Paul's politics have already swayed University of Kentucky junior Lauren Bosler, who introduced Paul's pre-speech campaign video directed toward young people.

Bosler said she's been interning with Paul since she was in high school because he's "so different than any other politician."

"He's a real person," she said. "He's not a politician, he's a doctor."

Bosler said after the speech that college students identify more with Paul's libertarian principles and his outsider status.

Lasley agreed that younger people do tend to be more socially liberal, but sustaining a lot of politically active

young people is difficult, pointing to President Obama's 2008 campaign.

"Now I don't think there's a huge pool of young libertarians running around," Lasley said. "Most of them are not particularly active in politics and that has not changed."

He said Rand Paul's campaign will have to appeal to his father Ron Paul's political base as well as his own, while not alienating libertarians and independents.

"I think he's probably trying to walk that line but at the end of the day... the bulk of Republicans that are going to participate in the nomination process are going to be older, more conservative republicans," he said.

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positions, in one of which a female is passed out in the bathroom with her underwear pulled down.

The BGPD investigation concluded on Feb. 26. The Title IX case was finalized April 6, and Melky disseminated a memorandum with her findings shortly after.

The summary judgment completed by Melky and Title IX deputy Joshua Hayes said individual members of the team were pressured to drink underage, subjected to calisthenics—called the “freshman ‘fuck around,’” according to the report—and endured mental abuse brought around by “taping and replaying embarrassing or compromising activity in order to subject the individual to ridicule.”

“The resulting hostile environment was created not only at ‘the party house,’ but within the team itself,” the ruling said. “This culture of unruly conduct also led to an environment conducive of individuals being incapacitated due to excessive consumption of alcohol, underage drinking, and at least a high probability that alcohol was offered to and accepted by high school recruits.”

The Title IX investigation also concluded that swim team Head Coach Bruce Marchionda knew about the hazing and sexual harassment since spring 2012 based on an email he received from a former swimmer.

The investigation concluded that disciplinary measures were “often inconsistent, and often handled during the fall semesters when major competitions and championships were not at stake,” the docu-

ment said.

While the NCAA frowns on hazing, no anti-hazing policies exist in its bylaws. The organization redirects each incident to institutional policies to handle on a case-by-case basis.

However, the NCAA does have Hazing Prevention

*“We are taking it very seriously and will address it...”*

**Gary Ransdell, WKU president**

Policy standards. The documents say the role of coaches to prevent hazing is crucial.

“Accept this responsibility as part of your job,” the manual said. “Hazing incidents that end in tragedy or a lawsuit can ruin the careers of athletes and coaches! One hour at the start of each season on hazing prevention could prevent a season of disaster. Be emphatic, be patient, but be persistent in your attempt to erase this kind of activity from athletics and all of our campuses.”

The NCAA also tells coaches to “spell out the consequences for non-compliance” on and off the field of play.

The Title IX report recommended that individual students should be referred to the Office of Judicial Affairs for further action.

Vice President of Student Affairs Howard Bailey de-

clined to comment on the next steps for the students involved, even on preexisting policies to handle Title IX investigations.

“I have the report, and it alleges student behaviors,” he said. “That is the case and I cannot discuss that.”

The Title IX report also mentioned that Athletic Director Todd Stewart should “determine the appropriate next steps regarding team leadership,” and that Stewart should “consider the involvement of the swim team from an organizational perspective.”

Swim team Coordinator for Media Relations Whitney Tarpay declined to comment on the issue. Stewart could not be reached by press time for a statement.

Richard Miller, vice provost and chief diversity officer, said his title includes overseeing the policies and procedures used in Title IX cases among other areas, like affirmative action. Miller noted the federal Title IX mandate allows for each university to craft its own policies and style within a national framework.

“I think the Title IX investigation was according to their own structure,” he said. “It followed its own policies and procedures. I think it was according to their role and responsibility, and [it] met all the guidelines associated to the Title IX standards.”

President Gary Ransdell said the news alarmed him, but it will be addressed.

“I have serious concerns,” Ransdell said. “Todd [Stewart] and I will talk about it... We are taking it very seriously and will address it... It’ll take a little time to deal with it, but we’ll deal with it.”

Both investigative reports are available to read online at WKUherald.com.

# Students learn about citizen rights during lecture

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With recent controversies regarding the use of deadly police force in America, there has been a renewed focus on informing citizens about their legal rights.

Courtney Teasley, attorney at law based in Nashville, was the featured speaker for the Know Your Rights event, sponsored by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.

Teasley’s speech centered around knowing the rights citizens legally have, but many may not know about. She gave examples of the types of police encounters, explanations of Fourth Amendment rights and emphasized on not only knowing your rights, but asserting them.

“It’s so important to know what your rights are, but even more important to assert your rights,” Teasley said.

Teasley said some citizen rights include remaining silent, having constitutional rights regardless of citizenship status and having the right to a lawyer if arrested.

She said people are often taken advantage of because they simply don’t know their rights, and genuinely don’t know they have the right to say no to the police in instances. Educating people about asserting their rights to protect good people from being taken advantage of is what motivates Teasley.

“Just because you say no and just because you assert your rights does not mean you are being disrespectful,” she said. “That’s the most important thing I want people to know.”

Selena Sanderfer, assistant professor of history, was one of the main organizers for the event and the advisor for ASALH.

Sanderfer said, since last year, as a result of events in Ferguson and Staten Island, which involved black men being killed due to police force, she felt there was tension and a need on campus to address police brutality.

She wanted to do this in a way that offered support and practical suggestions.

“We wanted to educate our students so they would know their rights, and hopefully some of the things we saw in the news wouldn’t have to happen in

our area,” Sanderfer said.

Sanderfer said she hoped the event emphasized being respectful to police officers, without feeling disrespectful about asserting rights.

Sanderfer said even though she anticipated a higher turnout, she felt good about what the students in attendance learned.

Mark Anthony, Louisville native, junior and member of Phi Beta Sigma, was one of the student speakers for the event. Anthony did a presentation about the mass incarceration rates of African-Americans in the United States. He cited a statistic that said one of every three black men can expect to be imprisoned at some point during his lifetime.

“I was shocked by some of the statistics,” Anthony said. “In general, I’ve seen a lot of arrests with African-Americans, but as far as actually seeing those statistics and seeing how credible they were and how astonishing they are made me confused.”

Anthony said the statistics caused him to really think about the issues facing African-Americans and mass incarceration. He acknowledges that there is racial discretion and corruption out in the world, but hopes from his presentation people were able to better understand and ponder questions regarding mass incarceration.

“Anytime you bring awareness for a good cause it’s going to be beneficial and people are going to somewhat resonate with that when they leave,” Anthony said.

Kris Terry, sophomore and Nashville native, said he thought the event was good and taught him a couple of things he didn’t know, but also reinforced some things he did know from being an African-American in the world. He said he will take what he learned from the event and take it with him if he finds himself in a situation with police.

“Knowledge is power, you know,” Terry said.

Teasley echoed Sanderfer’s sentiments that the event was critical to have.

“Even more important now to bring these issues to the forefront,” Teasley said. “Instead of shying away from them, let’s talk about these issues. Let’s talk about ways to prevent these issues. Let’s talk about why these issues happen and what can be done to stop them.”



At a forum in Cherry Hall on Tuesday Nashville attorney at law Courtney Teasley instructs students about their rights when dealing with the police. Teasley says she speaks frequently at colleges where many people in the audience aren’t aware that they can refuse search requests, or other situations in which they have the right to assert themselves. “Why isn’t this publicized?” Teasley said. “I ask other lawyers that. People should know.” LEANORA BENKATO/HERALD

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## EDITORIAL

# DISGRACEFUL DECISIONS

**THE ISSUE:** The WKU swim team has directly violated university policies on hazing, sexual harassment and sexual assault, according to a university investigation.

**OUR STANCE:** While hazing doesn't make any campus seem appealing, it's important to face this issue with as much force as any other in order to prevent other victims.

Hazing is defined by the student code of conduct as "any action, physical abuse or creation of a situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health of a participant by any person."

Leading with a definition is usually a sign of weak writing, but we thought it was appropriate to include a reminder, because it seems as if some have forgotten.

It was three months ago that freshman Collin Craig filed an e-mail complaint alleging that members of the team forced him to drink alcohol, assaulted him and hazed him multiple times throughout the fall 2014 semester off-campus. To be clear, this would fall under the "physical abuse" and "physical health endangerment" categories.

Throughout this saga, more than a few things have been troubling. First and foremost,

however, is the severity of the incidents and the consequences that have yet to be incurred.

According to the Title IX report, Head Coach Bruce Marchionda knew about the hazing and sexual harassment culture on the swim team based on an e-mail he received from a former swimmer in spring 2012.

As the report notes of other incidents on the swim team, "Discipline, when it was effectuated, was often inconsistent, and often handled during the fall semesters when major competitions and championships were not at stake."

The lack of acknowledgment and action is unacceptable.

When the leaders we look to turn a blind eye to potentially damaging complaints, the hazing culture is only perpetuated. This apathetic perspective embraces the hazing culture as a rite of passage for college students, harmless in structure and effect.

This is a fallacy.

Not only are hostile environments created, but also territories of shame. It's used as a tool for mental manipulation, reinforcing fear and prolonging an atmosphere that isn't conducive to education.

While this campus has seen hazing from Greek organizations, hazing isn't exclusive to them. Hazing can happen in more environments around

campus — and it is essential that light is shed on all of these situations. We demand that these issues are not ignored.

It is imperative that uniform and severe punishments are handed out accordingly to every participant in the hazing. Whether it's students who were actually involved in the incidents, or administrators who had the knowledge but didn't speak up, no one should be let off the hook here.

Hazing is intolerable. If you or anyone else you know has been hazed, reach out to someone. Reach out to judicial affairs, WKU Police or Title IX coordinator Huda Melky.

## CHECKING UP

# Living transgender still an unfair struggle



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It's hard to judge someone's situation without having walked a mile in their shoes. It is particularly hard to fathom discrimination, prejudice and inequality for simply living your life outside of society norms. The fight for LGBTQ equality has come a long way, but the struggles of living life as a transgender individual are often overlooked.

**MORGAN PROFUMO**

**Checking Up:**  
*Conscious choices for better living*

According to the Williams Institute at UCLA's School of Law, as of 2011, there were approximately 700,000 transgender individuals in the United States. With this number being so low, we should be offering this minority group protection under the law, but instead, society deems these individuals as "too" different.

To start off, it is important to have a

grasp on what it means to be transgender. Being transgender is when a person's gender identity, or gender they feel they are, does not match with their assigned sex. Being transgender is equivalent to being human.

In attempts to express their gender identity, transgender males and females may make several external alterations, which can include wearing makeup, cutting hair/growing hair, wearing gender specific clothing and/or sex organ alterations. Negative reactions toward individuals who alter their appearance are absurd. Attempting to accomplish self-acceptance is a wonderful thing and should be admired instead of criticized.

London Chandler, a sophomore at WKU, is looking to eventually undergo a sex change.

"I have felt more feminine and more like a girl than a boy for as long as I can remember. Currently, I haven't made any permanent alterations to my body, but wearing makeup and dressing up definitely makes me feel more beautiful and comfortable. If I do make bigger alterations later in life, I'll have great relief

with transitioning," Chandler said.

The concept of body alteration surgery would allow someone to live out his or her gender identity. According to the Human Rights Campaign, transgender individuals can marry a person of the opposite sex and the same sex. In situations where there is a heterosexual marriage and one spouse undergoes a sex change, this technically results in a same sex marriage, which maintains its legality.

The criticisms that transgender people endure for simply being themselves are the root of discrimination and self-hatred. In a survey done by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the attempted suicide rate among transgender men is at a staggering 46 percent, with transgender women at 42 percent.

When taking into consideration the struggles of discrimination, being rejected by friends and family, sexual violence and persecution, it is not hard to understand why attempted suicide rates are incredibly high. The same survey revealed that 57 percent of transgender individuals that were surveyed

had family that chose not to speak or spend time with them. It is appalling that innocent people are treated in such a dehumanizing manner.

"Prejudices and stereotypes come with the territory. It happens to me all the time," Chandler said.

"When I was just starting to express to people what I was feeling about myself and who I wanted to be, my mentor told me this: 'It's not easy. There will be many that don't understand you. Just remember to keep living! Life is too short to worry about another person and what they have to say.'"

It is important to keep in mind that the transgender population is small. Knowing that there are people in our society that are being denied medical care, denied equality and denied respect should prove that we have a long way to go in regards to equality for the transgender community.

"Just look at me as a human," Chandler said. "No titles, no judgments, no labels, none of that. I'm a human, who is simply trying to survive and make my way in the world."

## NOT YOUR TYPICAL WOMAN

# 'Blacklist' lacks progressive writing for women



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"The Blacklist" is another crime/detective/spy TV series in a long lineup of the same genre. Though the story may seem tired, "Blacklist" finds new angles to tell a familiar story. The show follows Raymond "Red" Reddington, a criminal extraordinaire who decisively joins the FBI to cleanse the world of unknown career criminals. Red, a man with a plan for everything, uses the FBI to bring down obscure villains under the strict condition that he is partnered with the newly inducted FBI profiler, Elizabeth Keen.

As the series progressed, viewers were

invited to piece together Red's complicated endgame, as he consistently uses his blacklist to eliminate criminal competition or gain useful, illegal resources. The show is clearly heavily focused on the elaborate plans Reddington manipulates the FBI into completing.

Though "Blacklist" succeeds in portraying Keen as a more-than-capable agent, the larger plot is perhaps subtly sexist. Keen spends much of the first season under direct manipulation of her "father figure" Red, while slowly discovering her husband, Tom, is an impostor. The second season isn't much different. Keen is greatly influenced by all the men in her life—almost to the point of absurdity. When she isn't fighting mostly male criminals, hounded by the omnipresent Reddington, stalked by her fake husband or ordered around by her boss, Harry Cooper, Keen spends her remaining time surrounded in the FBI's masculine atmosphere.

Keen seems unable to define her life, career or personality without the addi-

tion of one of the many men in her life.

"Blacklist" isn't an overtly female-oriented show. With limited regular characters, the series lacks more than a handful of female agents or villains. But, the show makes up for monotonous male leads by casting Keen as the foil to Red's criminal persona. Keen shares many aggressive traits with Red. She is brazen, quick witted and unusually intuitive.

Additionally, Keen takes most of the screen-time as the series is primarily split between her and Red's perspective. Keen also takes the lead on most of the cases, despite the risk—she is seen front line of some of the most horrific and creative illegal enterprises the team takes down. In nearly every episode, Keen is almost killed, fights her way free or otherwise outsmarts her enemy. Elizabeth Keen is one of the most well-rounded leads in this TV genre—she is shown to be physically threatening while also using clever, inventive methods to succeed.

"Blacklist" does little to add multiple female leads to primetime. In addition, the series' overarching theme features less-than-progressive interactions between the only lead female and the many male characters in her life. Despite the larger picture, "Blacklist" doesn't come across as intentionally backwards. The show does a fair job developing Keen into the tough, gun-toting agent she currently is.

The series also manages to add minor female characters in the FBI with specialized, complex skills unique to their male counterparts. "Blacklist" also brings larger-than-life feminine forces in the criminal underworld—viewers will recall intricate characters like the slave dealer Floriana Campo, the corporate terrorist Gina Zanetakos and the free-agent assassin Vanessa Cruz. Though the series is limited by a small recurring cast, the show manages to make good use of what women are involved in the plot.



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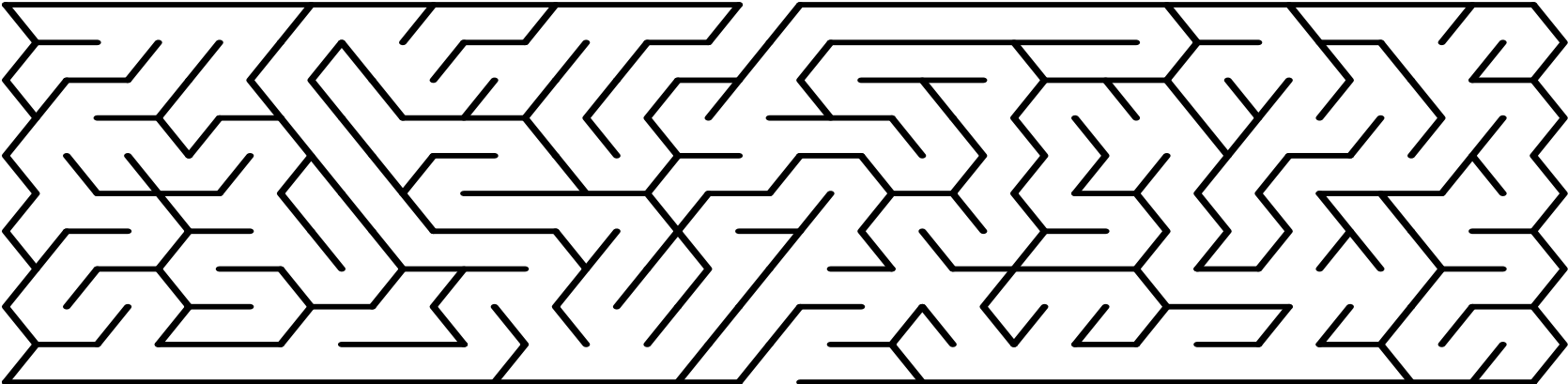
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# 'big green thumb'

Shara Roten, 21 of Frankfort, transfers plants, allowing their roots to further expand in the soil in the greenhouse behind the Environmental Science and Technology Building, on Wednesday. The horticulture club will be selling plants at EST this Friday to fund materials for their club and their summer trip. Last Friday was their first sale of the semester and they made more than \$100.



**LEFT:** Corinn Sprigler, 23, of Floyds Knobs, Indiana, is the president of the horticulture club. She stands for a portrait in the greenhouse behind the Environmental Science and Technology Building on Wednesday. "It is my passion," Sprigler said. "It is what I want to do. My grandmother always had a big green thumb, and that's how I got into it."

**BOTTOM:** Linda Cruz (left), Corinn Sprigler and Lindsey Humphrey (right) transfer plants, allowing their roots to further expand in the soil in the greenhouse behind the Environmental Sciences and Technology Building on April 8. The horticulture club will be selling plants in EST this Friday to fund materials for their club and their summer trip.

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WKU ESLI Student Services liaison Minh Dao smells a jar of premium achiote paste, an ingredient often used in Ecuadorian dishes, Tuesday, April 7 **LUKE FRANKE/HERALD**

# Movie contest encourages student vision

BY ABBY PONDER  
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Students across campus will be able to create and submit videos that explore images of a different world for the Institute for Citizenship and Social Responsibility's "Imagining Otherwise" video contest.

"Essentially, the video contest is a way for students to film what they believe is a just world," Scarlett Briones, graduate assistant for ICSR, said. "How can we work towards a just world if we can't envision what we want?"

Contest participants must submit videos that are within 30 to 90 seconds in length and reflect the participant's vision of an ideal world. The videos will then be divided into three categories—local, national and global—and judged by a panel comprised of students, faculty and staff members from various disciplines.

First place winners for each of the three categories will receive \$200 that will be redeemable at the WKU Bookstore, according to the contest's press release. The runner-ups will receive

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**Kate McElroy,**  
Student Marketing Coordinator  
for ICSR

\$100 to the WKU Bookstore.

Briones said she believes that videos serve as an ideal form of imagining individual viewpoints.

"We really wanted a video contest because we wanted a visual—something concrete, something you can see," Briones said. "We're in a physical world, and the best way to get that is through video."

One of the main objectives of the contest is to allow student's voices to be heard, Briones said.

Kate McElroy, a junior from Bowling Green and the student marketing coordinator for ICSR, said she's excited that students will be able to utilize their creativity to spread a message.

"We really like seeing social justice themes being put into a creative output because we have such talented students here," she said.

The video contest also encourages students to see the world differently, McElroy said.

"We get people to think critically [about social justice issues] and have them use that critical thinking to apply it and act more generously in the world," she said.

The ICSR is located in Tate Page Hall 110, is a place for students to feel comfortable, Briones said.

"This area is supposed to be a safe place for all students, no matter what background," Briones said. "They can

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# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

## WKU faculty and staff get 'taste of Ecuador'

BY NICOLE ARES  
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The smells of savory soups wafted through the room. The warmth circulated throughout. The potatoes, cheese and spices created an

atmosphere of comfort food.

Faculty and staff opened their taste buds to authentic Ecuadorian food during the International Year Of event, Cooking with Chef Holt: Ecuadorian Cuisine, on Tuesday night in Downing

Student Union's Cupola room.

The special for the evening was llapingachos, a thick potato cake stuffed with cheese and cooked until crisp. Aramark Head Chef Gilbert

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### BG EATS

## Lost River Pizza presents wide spectrum of options, beers



**JOHN GREER**

**BG EATS:**  
Weekly guide to the BG restaurant scene

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With large signage in the front window, Lost River Pizza Co. proudly displays the award-winning status of its namesake dish. This is probably an effective form of advertisement, yet the quality of the food it offers provides a somewhat uneven support to this honor.

The inside is plastered with beer signs, signifying Lost River Pizza's other main draw. And the restaurant certainly does not skimp

on its selection of craft brews—there are over 30 available on tap. Coupled with the buzzing bright presence of televisions, the place has the trappings of a sports bar.

Expect to spend a little on the specialty pizzas there. Searching for cheaper or more personal options nets a few interesting choices, such as the beer-battered shrimp.

The fried morsels of shrimp came smothered in

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A calzone filled with mushrooms, onions, ground beef and cheese is served with house cut chips and marinara sauce at Lost River Pizza Co. at 2440 Nashville Road.

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# Horticulture club grows plants, students

BY SAMANTHA WRIGHT  
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The greenhouse behind the Environmental Sciences and Technology Building is blooming in the fresh spring weather, as the various flora and fauna begin to show their true, vibrant colors.

All flowers were planted by members of the Horticulture Club, a campus organization focused toward lovers of things that grow.

However, Corinn Sprigler, the president of the Horticulture Club, said the club serves more purpose than just gardening.

“It’s important to bring the people with similar interest together and to help each other grow as well as growing their plants,” she said.

The club, which meets the first Wednesday of every month, has several sales throughout the year. Sprigler said these help build real life business experience.

Poinsettias are sold in December, roses in February and the club is planning the inaugural Flower Friday this week. Starting this week, they will sell flowers and other plants every other Friday in the lobby of EST. Funds

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Corinn Sprigler,  
Horticulture Club President

raised from these sales can occasionally lead to club trips. Last summer, students visited the National Botanic Garden in Washington, D.C. and the Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania.

Linda Cruz, secretary of the Horticulture Club, said she joined to find people with similar interests.

“I don’t meet a lot of horticulture students in the Agriculture department, so it was a good way to get to know the horticulture students,” she said.

Martin Stone, an agriculture professor and the club’s advisor, said the Horticulture Club is a good way for students to make long lasting connections.

“This club is a chance for like-mind-



Linda Cruz (left), Shara Roten, Corinn Sprigler and Lindsey Humphrey (right) transfer plants to allow their roots to expand in the soil in the greenhouse behind the Environmental Sciences and Technology Building on Wednesday. The Horticulture Club will be selling plants at EST, Friday to fund materials for their club and their summer trip. Last Friday was their first sale of the semester and they made more than \$100.

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ed students, mostly horticulture majors but not necessarily, to gather in a social setting, to get to know each other,” he said. “Your strongest bonds

and network connections are often made while you’re in college. It’s a chance to socially and professionally network.”

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Holt also had locros de papas—a cheesy potato soup and a staple Ecuadorian dish—ready for tasting.

This is Holt’s 15th year working for WKU. Last year, he traveled to Ecuador to cook and said the experience was “eye opening” and that he wants others to share in this country’s great cuisine.

WKU partnered with Ecuador for its inaugural International Year Of program to promote cultural interconnectedness through celebration and partnership. As a part of the program, WKU hosted a series of events that give students and faculty the opportunity to immerse themselves in Ecuadorian culture.

Andrea ‘Addie’ Cheney, assistant director for international programs, said the IYO program “is an opportunity for students and faculty to get to know these countries, without actually having to travel there.”

Sonia Lenk, Ecuadorian native and associate professor in the Modern Languages department, said she attended the event because she takes pride in her country and also needed a few cooking tips.

“I grew up in Ecuador, but whenever someone asks me to cook authentic food, I feel really embarrassed that I don’t know how to cook my country’s food,” Lenk said.

Lenk and 22 other faculty and staff were given opportunity to learn Ecuadorian recipes during Holt’s presentation. During the demonstration, Holt explained that one of the ingredients—the achiote paste—doubled in Ecuador as face paint.

“I definitely think I will go home and make the achiote sauce,” Alison Youngblood, assistant professor of English said. “It was flavorful and excellent.”

At the end of the event, Cheney reinforced to the crowd that the International Year of Ecuador is not over.

“There is still food to be had and coffee to be drank,” she said.



A pan of batter waits to be scooped and then flattened and fried to be made into Llapingachos, a fried potato dish that originated in Ecuador. LUKE FRANKE/HERALD

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come here and get our support to help them with what they’re trying to change, especially on campus.”

The contest is one way of exploring topics of conversation in an accessible platform.

“If we learn about these things, that’s how we can create a better world for the future,” McElroy said.

To conclude the contest, the ICSR is hosting a ceremony on Tuesday, April 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Downing Student Union. The viewing party will be “set up like the Oscars,” Briones said.

The submitted videos will be shown during the event before the winners are unveiled.

While the event is designed to celebrate the submitted videos, Briones said she also hopes it will spark conversation.

“We also want to make it a platform for students to talk about issues

and how we can go about resolving them, especially if they’re issues on campus or in the community of Bowling Green,” Briones said. “We want to be able to try and move forward with what we’re talking about.”

Contest submissions are due to the ICSR by April 20.

## BG EATS

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a thick sticky coating of spicy honey-barbecue sauce. The crunchy shrimp functioned mostly as a means of substantive delivery for the satisfyingly pungent sweet and spicy glaze.

The calzone is an appetizing choice

for those wanting pizza, but looking for a more personally appropriate size. Patrons are allowed to choose three toppings.

Where the shrimp were flavorful, the calzone was fairly bland. None of the ingredients—caramelized onions, mushrooms and ground beef—were particularly assertive, nor were they

present in any sizable quantities. But it did have potential. The crust on the calzone possessed a nice flakiness, and the marinara sauce served on the side was a tangy mixture of herb, acid and spice.

Lost River Pizza also offers a pretty standard set of sides. The house chips and sweet potato fries were pure crunch, but not especially flavorful.

In lieu of any seasoning, a dash of red pepper and Parmesan worked in a pinch.

Inconsistencies in quality left the experience at Lost River Pizza a bit underwhelming. With a great spectrum of beers on tap and some intriguing pizza specials, it’s still an interesting option.



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SOFTBALL

# Lady Tops enter latter stages of C-USA play



Cartersville, Georgia senior pitcher Janna Scheff winds up on the pitching mound during the double header against Florida Atlantic at the Softball Complex, Saturday, April 4. LEANORA BENKATO/HERALD

**BY HERALD SPORTS STAFF**  
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The Lady Topper softball team enters this weekend's Conference USA clash with Southern Miss atop the conference's east division. With only seven more scheduled teams to play before the C-USA tournament, the Lady Toppers hold a 7-2 mark in league play.

WKU's overall record stands at 20-7 pending results from Wednesday night's doubleheader versus the Murray State Racers. The games against Murray State were the first contests the Lady Toppers have played against a team from Kentucky all season.

WKU won its three-game series this past weekend against Florida Atlantic 2-1.

The victory was their third C-USA series win of the season, consisting of a 3-1 win in game one, a 6-1 defeat in game two, and a 1-0 win in the final game with a home run from freshman Lexie Norfleet.

Senior Miranda Kramer enters the weekend with her fourth consecutive C-

USA Pitcher of the Week award in hand. This brings her total tab to five nods in her inaugural season on the Hill.

Kramer has most recently been named an Amateur Softball Association/USA Softball player of the year finalist.

Kramer ranks top five in the nation in five different categories including first in strikeouts per seven innings (13.8), tied for first in shutouts (8), second in strikeouts (235), third in earned run average (1.00), and fourth in hits allowed per seven innings (3.34).

Kramer pitched a total of 14 innings against FAU and gave up just one run. The senior notched 28 strikeouts and allowed three walks.

Recently WKU has moved up a spot in the NCAA RPI. This week the Lady Toppers rank No. 32 in the NCAA.

WKU will play another three game series this weekend against Southern Miss. A doubleheader will be played this Saturday, April 11 at the WKU Softball Complex beginning at 1 in the afternoon.

The last game of the series will take place Sunday, April 12 at 1 pm.

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"In the first inning Sam Higgs was outstanding and Brandon Allen was playing good also."

Ryan Church provided WKU their only other hit in the contest on a single in the first inning, which almost scored Anderson Miller from second. Miller however, was thrown out at home plate.

Up next for the Hilltoppers is a three-game Conference-USA series at Nick Denes Field this weekend against Southern Miss (17-11-1). The series is set to start Friday night at 6 p.m., with the following games set for Saturday at 3 p.m. and Sunday at noon.

Southern Miss will field a strong pitching staff as the Golden Eagles currently have a team ERA of 2.48—the highest mark in the league. Senior

James McMahon will lead the way for Southern Miss as the righty currently is 6-0 on the season with an ERA of 1.22.

"They are leading the league in pitching right now, and they are going to be very much like UAB," Coach Myers said. "Everything for them is pitching, pitching, pitching. They are beating people with their pitching staff."

The Golden Eagles are currently coming off a conference series against the University of Alabama Birmingham in which they defeated the Blazers two games to one. UAB recently swept the Hilltoppers as WKU never scored more than five runs against the potent Blazer pitching staff.

"We have been preparing for it, and we look forward to the challenge," Coach Myers said. "It's a big weekend for us because that's going to be a big series for us to continue to move up the rankings."

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son Receptions and Touchdowns) broke or tied program records in 2014 including the team setting a new single-season passing yards mark.

"With Coach Shephard, it's some-

thing new every day," Fant said. "I'm blessed to have a position coach like that. Every day I come into the office, you need to do this, you need to do this. He stays on me every day and that's the type of coach you want that gets your greatest potential out of you, and I feel he's doing a great job at that."

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the next level."

This meet will set the mark for individual regional qualifiers, which will decide which individuals will qualify for the Mt. SAC Relays in Walnut, California.

"This meet is a great opportunity for individuals to qualify at home in front of friends and family. We've been able to put down some really great marks at home and we look forward to doing it again," Johnson said.

Sophomore Emmanuel Dasor posted eight top-10 finishes in sprint competitions during his first regular season as

a Hilltopper. He was a big factor in last week's Florida Relays which featured six top-25 men's programs. In his first outdoor 100-meter race of the season. He finished 24 with a time of 10.56 seconds.

Although Dasor said his time should have been better, he doesn't blame anyone. He wasn't expecting that result, but hopes to run the event again in Saturday's race to top his record.

"As a team, we push each other a lot at practice every day," Dasor said. "We make sure we take good care of our bodies and maximize our potential at practice."

"There's been massive improvements and that's going to help us a lot this weekend."

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WKU second baseman Leiff Clarkson prepares to catch the ball as the Hot Rods' Bralin Jackson slides safely into second base on Tuesday at the Bowling Green Ballpark. NICK WAGNER/HERALD

# SWING & A MISS

## HOT RODS SCRIMMAGE HALTED, SOUTHERN MISS UP NEXT

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Thunderstorms in the area cut the Hilltopper's scrimmage against the Bowling Green Hot Rods short in the bottom of the fourth, with the Hot Rods holding a 1-0 advantage over the Hilltoppers.

Statistics did not count toward either team's season totals. Both teams used wooden bats in the exhibition along with 10-man lineups which featured two designated hitters.

The Hilltoppers held the Tampa Bay Rays' Class-A affiliate hitless until Hot Rod out-

fielder Bralin Jackson doubled to lead off the frame. Designated hitter Jace Conrad would then drive in Jackson from third base on a RBI groundout to score the matchup's lone run.

"The weather is unbelievable," Head Coach Matt Myers said. "Wherever the Tops are playing, Mother Nature is bound to throw a lightning bolt, a thunder storm or some snow at us.

"It's unfortunate because the crowd was growing as the game was going and it turned out to be a pretty good game."

Sophomore Sam Higgs provided the Hilltoppers with a quality start.

Higgs allowed just one hit and one unearned run along with one strikeout in three complete innings.

Junior outfielder Anderson Miller shined brightest for the Hilltoppers, earning a single and double in his two at bats while also adding a stolen base to the WKU effort.

"Anderson Miller showed in front of some scouts that he can hit with a wood bat, and I loved Ryan Church's approach," Myers said.

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### FOOTBALL

## Shephard expects another productive season

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WKU will look to rising upperclassman within its receiving corps as it attempts to replicate the offensive success it achieved last season. After losing Willie McNeal and Joel German to graduation, redshirt senior quarterback Brandon Doughty will have three veteran targets to look to in his final season on the Hill.

Rising seniors Jared Dangerfield, Antwane Grant and rising junior Taywan Taylor combined for 2,101 yards and 24 touchdowns in 2014. Last season, Dangerfield led the team with 825 yards and 11 touchdowns. These will be Doughty's most experienced and tested targets in his upcoming campaign for a Conference USA title.

"We expect greatness. I'll be honest with you. We expect, everyday, to have a significantly successful practice—better than the one before," wide receivers coach JaMarcus Shephard said. "When your number is called, guys know they have to make the plays.

"For the most part, we are making those plays. There are a few mistakes out there, but that's part of the learning process, and these guys are learning. Most of the veterans know the playbook very well, but it's about fine tuning."

One player who is beginning to hit his stride and could potentially see more action in 2015 is sophomore Nacarius Fant.

Fant was named 2013 Kentucky Mr. Football after a record-setting career



WKU junior defensive back Marcus Ward (left) and redshirt sophomore wide receiver Kylen Towner fight for position during a route running drill in the team's open practice, Wednesday, April 1 at Smith Stadium. LUKE FRANKE/HERALD

at Bowling Green High School, still holding every single-game, single-season, and career record at BGHS.

"I've learned a lot from last year from Willie McNeal and Joel German and those seniors," Fant said. "I actually learned a lot from them and this spring it is really helping me a lot. I'm trying to take the stuff from them and trying to use it to my advantage and trying to evolve my game."

"Players have to make plays. When your number is called, you have to be ready to step in. We have a deep receiving core. We have a couple backups that can play right away when the

starters are out and when we come in, same expectations as the ones and that's what it's about. Having a core that's together."

Fant attributes much of his success to position coach Shephard.

Shephard was promoted to a full-time assistant in 2014 after spending three seasons on the WKU staff as a graduate assistant. He then went on to mentor one of the greatest receiving corps in WKU history, breaking a multitude of records in 2014.

Receivers Willie McNeal (Career Receptions) and Jared Dangerfield (Sea-

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### TRACK & FIELD

## Hilltoppers to host Relays this weekend

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This weekend WKU will host the annual Hilltopper Relays at the Ruter Track and Field Complex.

Competition begins Friday with the men and women's hammer throw and lasts through Saturday, ending with the men and women's javelin throw.

The Hilltopper Relays have grown in participant numbers, according to recruiting coordinator and assistant coach Willie Johnson, with teams receiving invitations to the relays as well as electing to come on their own accord.

Four more teams have joined the relays since last year, growing from 11 teams to 15, including Central Michigan, Tennessee Tech, Murray State and Kentucky State.

Weather could potentially upset the starting of the event on Friday. However, the Hilltoppers are still hoping for a competitive atmosphere that the hosts can thrive in.

"I'm very excited. A lot of the meets we travel are away so to actually have your home crowd there cheering you on is really exciting," sophomore Sandra Akachukwu said. "Coming off my injury, I'm excited to be doing better than before. I'm ready to move on to

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